

## Church News

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10, and proved very interesting and helpful. An offering of twenty-one dollars was sent the committee for publication and church extension. Will observe Rally Day in the Mission Sunday school soon. There have been fourteen additions to the church during the past few weeks. Rev. J. T. Sailes, of Delhi, La., most acceptably supplied this church during the vacation of the pastor.

—**Westminster:** Work has now been resumed on the new church and will be pushed to completion. Because of the long and continued dry weather it was necessary to suspend the work until the drouth was broken. When finished, this will be one of the most beautiful and conveniently arranged churches in the city. Later it is planned to build a large and attractive Sunday school building separate from the church. Dr. Robert Hill is the pastor.

**Hillsboro:** Rev. R. P. Walker the new pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at this place, and his wife have found their way into the hearts of the members of the congregation and the people of Hillsboro. They have just moved into the beautiful new manse that has been built for them. It was not enough for these good people to build a new home for their beloved pastor and his excellent family, but they thoroughly furnished the pantries until all the shelves were full, with all good things to satisfy the physical wants. It was a great pounding, and no one knows who was the happier, the pounders or the poundees. Mr. Walker starts his new pastorate under the most favorable conditions in this important field of great promise. His heart has already been greatly encouraged in seeing fifteen valuable members received into this church during the past few weeks.

**Troupe:** The members of the Troupe Church have about completed a beautiful modern church, which is to be dedicated the fifth Sabbath of this month. Rev. J. Bell, D. D., pastor of the East Dallas Church, and a son of Troupe Church, will preach the dedication sermon. The resuscitation of the church is due to the earnest labor of Rev. S. M. Tenney. When the members learned that Presbytery requested Mr. Tenney to remain in charge of his present field, they were filled with joy and manifested their happiness by giving him and his good wife a most generous pounding, supplying them with sufficient staple provisions to last at least a month. A description of the new church will be furnished you after the dedication.

**Tyler, First Church:** The pastor and people welcomed twenty-one members October 3, our regular quarterly communion service. All but one of these was result of the recent meeting held in East Tyler. One, a mother of a family, came forward at this service. The following Sunday we were made to rejoice over the conversion of one of our leading business

men, postmaster of the city, who united. And last Sunday our hearts again rejoiced when, after a sermon by the pastor, two mature men responded and gave themselves to the ministry. Truly the Lord has been good to us of late and we rejoice and praise him for it. "Not unto us, not unto us, O! Lord, but unto thy name be all the glory and the honor." God answers prayer—try it and see! We are confidently looking for others, some having already promised they will come.

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**San Marcos: First Church.** A recent meeting of a week's duration conducted by the pastor has somewhat rallied the forces after the summer's vacation, besides resulting in the occasion of the accession of a young woman school teacher, who came forward upon the last night of the meeting to confess Christ as her Saviour.

Rally Day in our Sunday school brought out the largest attendance in the history of our school. We must soon have better accommodations for this department of our work. We are also planning the organization of a mission school in a neglected part of the town. New officers have been elected and installed in this church as follows: Ruling elders: Charles Hutchings, Peter Thompson (to be installed), and D. E. Brown. Deacons: C. G. Mead, Geo. A. McNoughton and W. D. Talmadge. Thus giving us a full and efficient set of officers. We desire our brethren to rejoice with us in the evidences of God's blessing.

H. L. P., Pastor.

**Houston: First Church,** Rev. Wm. States Jacobs, pastor, is a large, fine church, perhaps the finest building in the city. It has a roll of more than 900 members and includes in its numbers the wealth and luxury of the city. Rally Day was observed Sunday, October 17, when the Sunday school had 328 present as against 305 last year. It was a communion occasion and the pastor preached an able sermon on the text, "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." It was a sermon that went to the heart. It would not be fair to judge this church by a comparison with other churches. However, it has had a phenomenal growth and its pastor and session are overtaking the work with a commendable zeal and energy.

—**Second Church:** Three years ago this church had eighty members. Rev. Frank E. Fincher took pastoral charge and with unusual zeal has labored and built it up until now it has 550 members. It has a Sunday school of between 300 and 400 members. Sunday, October 17, was observed as Rally Day, and about 450 were present. The pastor reports an average of two confessions each Sabbath, or about one hundred during the year. As an evidence of obedience to the command to go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, this church has established five missions in the outskirts of the city, and the pastor makes an effort to visit each one during Sabbath afternoon. Since last communion this church has received 21 members on con-

fession of faith and ten by letter. They have a fine, commodious building of light colored brick, a good choir and have good congregational singing.

**Missionary Christmas Boxes:** The time to do our "Christmas Shopping" has come. I want to help several of our Mexican Sunday schools in Texas to have Christmas entertainments. I appeal to our friends to send us clothing, toys, bric-a-brac, pictures and games. These things can be new or second-hand. Cloth remnants are light and suitable for gifts. We can use all the old Sunday school Picture Rolls and cards. Do not send old periodicals. Small money gifts are the easiest to send, especially from distant points, and are most acceptable. Please write before sending boxes.

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### VIRGINIA.

**New Monmouth:** The Rev. D. N. Yarbrough of Monticello, Ga., to whom the congregation of New Monmouth Church recently extended a call to become pastor, has written signifying his acceptance of the call.

**Mrs. John R. Sampson,** who was recently with the Greenbrier Presbyterial Union, at Alderson, is giving two weeks, by their invitation and the commission of the Secretaries at Nashville, to visiting the churches beginning Oct. 19 with Mount Pleasant and going to Ronceverte, Lewisburg, Academy, Martinton, Green bank and Hinton.

**Loch Willow:** The Rev. Wm. C. White was installed as pastor of this church on September 5, 1909, with very impressive services. The Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D. presided and preached the sermon. Rev. Holmes Rolston delivered the charge to the pastor and Rev. J. B. Massey, the charge to the people. Elders A. R. Gilkeson and John T. Bear.

**Union:** Rev. Wm. C. White was installed at this church (about four miles from Churchville), on September 19, and a great day it was in the history of the church. Rev. B. F. Wilson, D. D., of Harrisonburg, presided and preached the sermon. Rev. C. L. Altfather delivered the charge to the pastor; Rev. Charles R. Stribling, the charge to the people. The services at both churches were unusually solemn and interesting to the large congregations that were present not only from the communities, but from the churches surrounding. Rev. Mr. White takes charge of these churches with bright prospects of usefulness.

**Churchville:** The congregations of Union and Loch Willow have given the new pastor, Rev. Wm. C. White, and family a most cordial and hospitable welcome. They have been very kind in every way; the manse was repapered. The people kindly planted the garden and took care of it until the pastor came, and since he came such generosity has manifested itself in every way. Baskets and boxes of good things have been sent by the different families in and around Churchville from both congregations—a whole wagon